GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:214
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Restarting of Procurement Process
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has restarted the procurement of foodgrains from farmers as it used to do earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has extended the procurement process for six months only;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the amount of foodgrains procured from various States during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The Food Corporation of India has been continuing the procurement of foodgrains from the farmers ever since its inception with the help of the State Governments/their agencies. The procurement of wheat under Central Pool in Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2015-16 has been 280.88 lakh MT as reported on 13.07.2015 and that of rice in ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2014-15 is 315.17 lakh MT as on 15.07.2015.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The amount of wheat and rice procured from various States during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise are at Annex-I and Annex-II respectively.
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